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The report of the committee in charge of arranging the details of the regular summer session of the Agricultural College was acted upon at a special meeting of the College Council, it being decided that a six weeks's summer school be held, beginning June 11th. According to the Committee's plans, a number of eastern lecturers of note will deliver addresses, and several of Utah's most prominent educational men have promised to give ther assistance

The faculty of the Agricultural College at a recent meeting decided on holding a ^{two week} six weeks' summer session for teachers, beginning June 11. The committee in charge of the details of arrangements promises that a number of Eastern ^{lecturers} ~~educators~~ of note will deliver addresses, and several Utah educators have already been secured.

An innovation at the Summer School will be the introduction of courses in elementary agriculture, domestic arts, and manual training, with the view of preparing the teachers for the proper presentation of this work to pupils in the grades and in the high schools. This feature of teaching industrial education in the grades, while comparatively new, has met with marked success in a number of states of the Union, and some high schools of this state have followed the plan and have done sufficient work along the lines of manual training and domestic arts to prove that the work will meet with success in Utah. President Kerr has been agitating the matter for some time past, and many educators of the State speak favorably of having our next state legislature pass a law providing for the introduction of work in agriculture, manual training, and domestic arts in the rural schools. Nature study, as

at present taught, is thought by many to be a complete failure.

purpose ^{nature study}
The object of ~~this~~ work--that of putting the pupils in touch with their environment--can doubtless be accomplished in a much more satisfactory way by the teaching of elementary agriculture, manual training, and domestic arts in the grades and in the high schools. The College is ideally located and equipped for work of this nature. The instructors in agriculture, the Station Staff, the experimental farm, the conservatory, and the various laboratories of the institution will be at the service of the teachers.

Aside from the work in industrial education, provision will also be made for instruction in the regular common school branches, favorable action having been taken by the State Board of Education to permit credits, in lieu of examination, on a certain number of subjects completed at the Agricultural College Summer School.

The Committee has in preparation a circular, which will be ready for distribution within a few weeks.

^{summer} Logan's ideal ^{about} climate will be an attractive feature to teachers desiring to attend a summer school.

by Stephens